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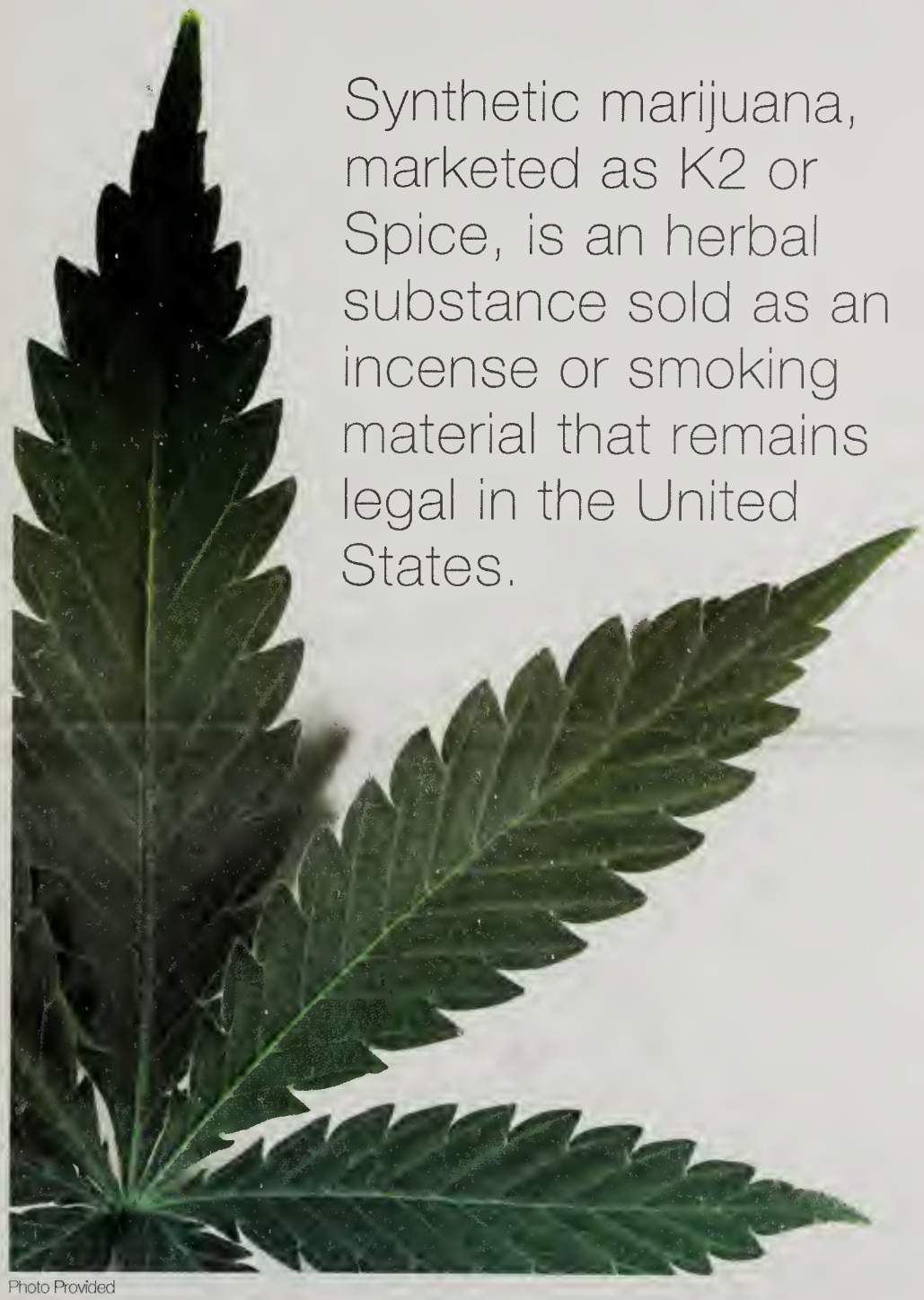
# REEFER MADNESS

## Synthetic marijuana faces potential state-wide ban



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Synthetic marijuana, marketed as K2 or Spice, is an herbal substance sold as an incense or smoking material that remains legal in the United States.

**Brandon Stookey**
Chronicle Correspondent

K2, also known as Spice, faces a potential state wide ban. K2, a chemically-treated herbal mix sold as an incense, can be smoked to reach a high similar to that which is produced by smoking marijuana.

In some instances, the high is reported to be much stronger than that of marijuana.

James Mowry, director of the Indiana Poison Center in Indianapolis, said there have been 117 calls related to K2 since March. The calls consist of individuals complaining of agitation, rapid heart rate and high blood pressure. Mowry added not much can be done to counter the symptoms caused by smoking K2.

Poison control recommends finding someplace quiet to relax and said it takes about two to three hours for symptoms to subside, but the substance is not regulated so there is no way to know what exactly causes these reactions.

"I think it should be banned if anyone can get it and no one knows what's in it," junior Megan Hamilton said.

Dean of Students Sarah Howard explained if K2 does become illegal in the state of Indiana, students caught possessing K2 may face expulsion from PUC. She said expulsion is a worst case scenario for any student caught with the possession of an illegal substance, but not all cases warrant this response. Whether or not expulsion occurs would depend on the circumstances,

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# Student Bible study groups on rise at PUC

**Andrea Drac**
Staff Writer

PUC has a plethora of activities available for students to get involved in, ranging from SGA to intramural sports. One particular student activity on the rise this year is student Bible study groups.

With six such groups being formed this semester in addition to the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Global Christian Fellowship and Secular Student Alliance programs, Bible study and religion are becoming hot topics on campus.

The InterVarsity Christian Fellowship's Leadership Team put the Bible study groups together at the beginning of the semester so students have the opportunity to join a Bible study, according to Christy Klippel, an active member of InterVarsity.

"We created the studies as an expression of our organization's vision to see students interacting with Jesus and wrestling with what He is saying in their lives," Klippel said.

The student Bible studies and large group meetings discuss a variety of topics from faith and prayer to justice and action. They are also not afraid to tackle what they see as important issues.

"We want to create a safe place for conversation and questions," Klippel said. "In everything, we want to expose the character and presence of Jesus so that students are able to make a clear decision about whether or not to pursue Him."

A lot of work goes into making the student Bible study group meetings possible. The group leaders prepare for the weekly study every Sunday night. This semester, the groups are working through the Book of Luke.

"Every study covers the same material, and the time together is spent getting to know each other, reading and discussing the text, understanding the author's intent and application for today, and praying for each other and the campus," Klippel said.

The InterVarsity Christian Fellowship started in 1989 and is part of an organization active at about 550 schools nationally.

According to Klippel, the group's vision is to see campuses renewed and the world changed.

"We want to see people returning to a right relationship with God through Jesus Christ,

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# Event to warm your spirit

**Brandon Stookey**
Chronicle Correspondent

New Student Orientations and Student Activities will kick off Spirit Week Monday, Nov. 1, challenging student organizations to collect the most hats, mittens and scarves to be donated to a local elementary school. The winning student organization will be rewarded with a free pizza party.

Carol Wolfe, student activities assistant, said student organizations will be left to their own devices to collect these items. However, Wolfe said donations from the PUC community will be accepted from Nov. 1 through Nov. 5 at the Student Activities Office located in SUL as well as at the table located in the SUL Concourse. All donations must be brand new; no used donations will be accepted.

The purpose of this competition is much the same as Penny Wars.

"It's to encourage them to keep the spirit up," Wolfe said.

Points are assigned to each item collected. Mittens are worth 10 points, hats are worth 20 points and scarves are worth 50 points. The organization with the most points by Nov. 5 wins.

"I think competition really motivates people," Wala Issa, vice president of the Criminal Justice Club, said.

According to Wolfe, this is the first time PUC has collected winter items to be donated to a local elementary school.

Debbie Bachmann, the new student orientation assistant, is in charge of locating an elementary school that most needs these items. As of this time, no school has been selected.

"I'm excited about this event," Bachmann said. "By making it a competition, it makes it more exciting for student organizations."

Nancy Pacheco, the secretary for Alpha Psi Lambda, said her organization will be competing in the Warm Your Spirit event, and she expects it to be a lot of fun.

Bernice Sellers, the vice president of the Black Student Union, said her group is excited to participate in such an event.

"I think it's a really good idea," Sellers said. "Especially when you incorporate games and competition."

According to Wolfe, Warm Your Spirit is not the only event to take place during spirit week.

Trivia day is Monday, Nov. 1 and Student Activities will have a table out in the SUL

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Jessie Martin
*Student Body President*

Hello PUC students! Colder temperatures have started to prevail, the winter coats are starting to come out for the first time in months, and just about all the trees have lost their foliage. We have indeed moved into the month of November, and with that we know that we have had more weeks of school this semester than we have going forward. I hope all PUC students have positioned themselves well in their classes so far this semester, and if you haven't, then best of luck with your efforts in the coming weeks!

When deciding on a topic to write about this week, another event that happens during the first week of November came to mind. This Tuesday, November 2nd, mid-term elections will be taking place all across the country, including right here in Indiana. This is an opportunity for Americans all across the country to make their voice heard.

Typically, mid-term elections have farther less turnout then general elections here in America. One of the contributing factors to this is that presidential elections take place during general elections, rather than mid-term elections. While Indiana had a turnout rate of 58 percent back in 2008 for the general elections, only a mere 35 percent of eligible Indiana voters actually voted in the last mid-term elections in 2006.

Let's be clear though, as this is not something that only Indiana is guilty of. Since 1960, there has not been one general or mid-term election that has had more than 64 percent of eligible voters in America participate. When looking at other countries such as Italy, where their average voter turnout is 90 percent, Germany, where their average voter turnout is 86 percent, and even Canada, our neighbors to the north, where on average 76 percent of those eligible vote, there is a problem.

It's clear that American's are not taking their greatest opportunity to participate and have influence on the political process. While there are viable reasons on how the political process could change and how the political climate could easily discourage many Americans to participate and feel like they're voice would be heard, apathy is not the answer.

Apathy in anything will not get you anywhere. If you are discouraged with the status quo, then become involved in organizations or projects that advocate for changing what you feel is wrong. Becoming involved in activities such as these can not only help give you a great sense of belonging to a cause, but can go a long way in advocating for the change you desire.

But before you do any of these, the first thing you can do is go out and vote in the elections this Tuesday, November 2nd. This is a right that is yours, and it should not be taken lightly. And while you're at it, bring a friend along as well. As I said, if you are discouraged with the process and politics in general, not voting in the elections will not make it any better.

**~ Jessie Martin | Student Body President**

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# What's Going On?
## A look around PUC...

Career Services @ Your Service Days- School of Technology
Wed., Nov. 3rd, 11 a.m. -2 p.m. , SUL Concourse

School of LASS, Department of History and Political Science
Wed., Nov. 3rd, 11 a.m. -2 p.m. , SUL Concourse

General Career Services Information
Wed., Nov. 10th, 3 p.m. -7 p.m. , Academic Learning Center (ALC), Crown Point, IN

Career Webinar Series: Graduating Seniors - Social Media the NEW Method in Networking: Facebook
Wed., Nov. 3rd, 2 p.m. -3 p.m. , GYTE 113

Linkedin - Your Way to a New Job & Strong Network: Linkedin
Wed., Nov. 10th, 2 p.m. -3 p.m. , GYTE 113

Formal Recruiting
White Lodging:
Wed., Nov. 3rd, Must sign up through CareerTrax by 11:59 p.m. on Mon., Nov. 1st if you would like to participate in Campus Interviews!

Informal Recruiting
National Guard:
Mon., Nov. 1st, 11 a.m. -2 p.m. , SUL Concourse

Vector Marketing:
Mon., Nov. 8th, 9 a.m. -1 p.m. , SUL Concourse

Resume/Cover Letter Review Sessions-
Tuesdays, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. , SUL 349
Wednesdays, NOON or 6 p.m. , SUL 349
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# The surge of progress

**Ryan Riverside**
Managing Editor

The expensive system built to help the Indonesian people scramble out of the way of any looming tsunami remained eerily silent as waves ripped homes from their foundations and killed hundreds. Only the screams of the dying rose over the sound of the water, urged on by the eruption of a volcano in the Ring of Fire.

The buoy system was later reported vandalized, which would have cost over a million dollars to repair. The prohibitive cost of repairing the buoys prevented it from taking place. The volcano eruption itself also killed many, though the 7.7-magnitude earthquake and brewing smoke gave enough warning for many to be saved.

In spite of constant problems like this around the world, where people struggle to barely survive, the undeniable surge of progress and industry moves on. Just across the Bay of Bengal, deep in the sparsely populated Himalayan Mountains, a 3G cell tower is being put up, atop Mount Everest. Perhaps this is so intrepid climbers can text whilst gripping their harness for dear life, or so they can pull out their iPhones, only to suffer frostbite on their fingers and watch as the internal parts of the phone can freeze shut while the battery is ruined.

## It would be unreasonable to wish for progress to stop...

Obviously, as humanity, we must focus more on getting web access on our phones while trying to kill ourselves climbing a mountain no human was ever meant to be on instead of trying to fix problems like nearby natural disasters.

It would be unreasonable to wish for the tide of progress to stop its flow until everyone the world over had no more problems because the world does not work like Sim City—business and enterprise operate outside of the world's actual needs, as though a food or drink could solve all problems with a single use. Still, keeping people from dying should take priority over things like telecommunication. Some of the greatest civilizations the world has ever known toppled because they extended too far and did not lay the groundwork for a great civilization first. Are we headed in the same direction?

One thing brings hope to the tsunami story: two infants, each in their teenage months, were found alive. One was found in a storm gutter, the other up in a tree. That small, defenseless creatures can be saved should give us renewed hope for humanity. A hope the sound of screaming will come from joy instead of pain.

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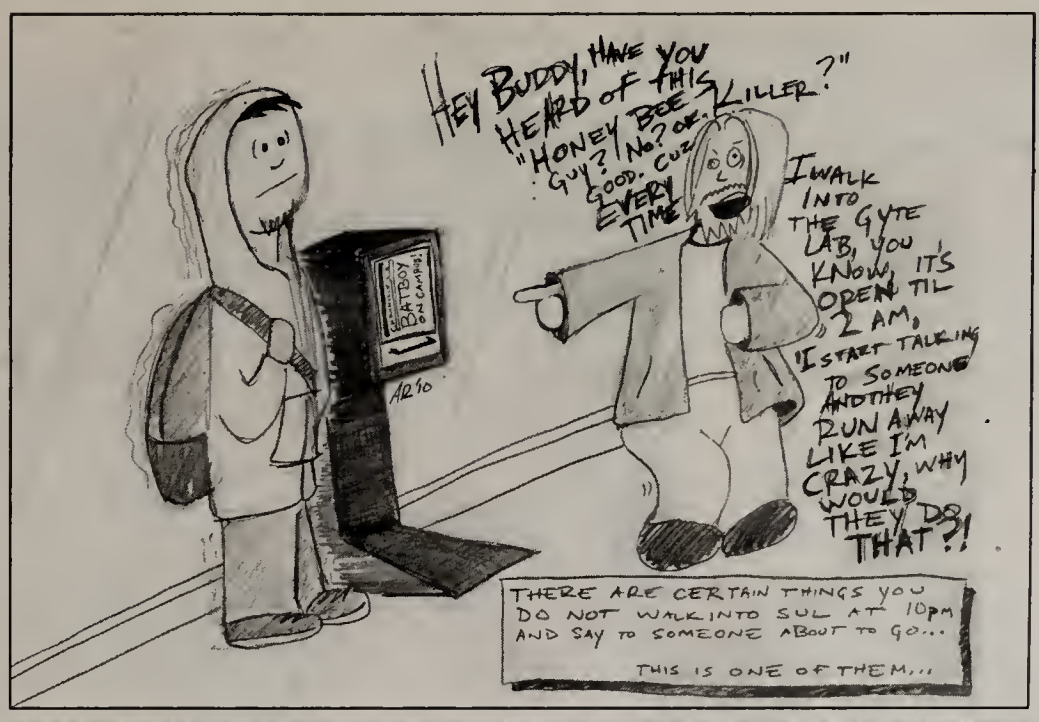
HEY BUDDY, HAVE YOU HEARD OF THIS "HONEY BEE" GUY? NO? OH. CUZ GOOD. CUZ EVERY TIME I WALK INTO THE GYTE LAB, YOU KNOW, IT'S OPEN TIL 2 AM, I START TALKING TO SOMEONE AND THEY RUN AWAY LIKE I'M CRAZY, WHY WOULD THEY DO THAT?!
KILLER?"
BATBOY ON CAMPUS!
THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS YOU DO NOT WALK INTO SUL AT 10PM AND SAY TO SOMEONE ABOUT TO GO...
THIS IS ONE OF THEM...

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# Made of K2 and Spice and everything nice

**The issue: Synthetic cannabis usage.**
**Our stance: What we don't know could kill us.**

Spice is a relatively new drug which has surfaced in the past few years. It was created in a lab as synthetic marijuana, and many countries, upon some cursory research, have banned it, including 11 states. Due to the American public not knowing about it, and that it has not been added to many of the drug awareness programs, the details of the drug are lost on many people.

Research done by several different countries in their attempt to discern the chemical makeup of the drug shows that though Spice does not contain THC and does not show up on drug tests, the chemicals in it are between five and 800 times the potency of marijuana, but also elicit adverse side effects, such as extreme nausea, at a concentration of only 2 percent in the mixture.

Why hasn't our country banned it, as so many others have? Already many states have banned or are in the process of banning the drug, yet in so many places its use continues. Only a small number of injuries and deaths have resulted from its use, but this is largely because it has passed under the radar of the general public. Many people do not care, or are not paying attention, to notice the new potent drug.

In our local area, Valparaiso and Porter County have both banned the sale and use of Spice, but Hammond and Lake County have yet to. In January, the state legislature is meeting and will likely ban the substance then, but why can we not do anything until then? Arkansas issued an emergency ban on Spice, so we could do likewise.

Since the concoction of Spice is not regulated by any agency, it could vary widely in potency and adverse effects with no warning. Even though this is true with any unregulated substance, it is even truer with a synthetic substance with many different manufacturers around the world. Drug awareness is a vital factor in keeping the public safe, because people do some very foolish things. The hope is that a little bit of effort is necessary to keep everyone informed, so the potential risks can be understood.

While drug usage itself cannot be stamped out, as the Prohibition proved, it can be helped along by enforced laws preventing people from consuming something they know very little about. Marijuana is bad enough, let alone something a hundred times more potent.

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# Avoid service learning

**Brandy Dieterle**
Copy Editor

As a student taking Service Learning 10100, I strongly urge others to avoid it. The Experiential Learning department as a whole needs work so that all students have a variety of options, but the service learning course went too far, for me at least.

I transferred to PUC for the fall 2008 semester, which just happens to be when the two experiential learning credit requirement was implemented. My two Experiential Learning credits come from an internship and service learning.

My experiences finding an internship were quite stressful, but after finding one I learned a lot and I have no regrets, believing my time was well spent. Service learning, on the other hand, I cannot say the same about as there is poor communication.

I'm taking service learning this semester. All I knew when I registered was it qualified as an experiential learning credit and what the academic catalog says, "Volunteerism of five hours per week (75 hours per semester) in an off-campus Community Service or Civic site in work related to the student's major and organized around specific learning objectives." It sounded *like a lot to ask for only one credit* hour, but *I* needed an experiential learning credit.

## There is poor communication

I'm volunteering at the Lake County Public Library for my service learning and I've enjoyed it. The people I'm working with are very nice and it's giving me an inside look at what goes on at the library. I've considered being a librarian, so the volunteer work is fitting.

When I met with my advisor towards the end of October, I told her what I'm doing for service learning and she informed me volunteering 75 hours isn't the purpose of the class. My advisor said I would hear from my instructor since apparently I've been going about this all wrong, and it's been over a week and I have yet to hear anything.

After reading over the syllabus again, I found, "Volunteerism of 5 hours per week, 75 hours per semester-half of which is on-site in an off-campus community service or civic site."

So what, I ask, do I do for the other 37.5 hours of the semester? Why does it say "volunteerism of 5 hours per week, 75 hours per semester" if I'm not supposed to volunteer that much?

I can see why Experiential Learning is helpful in getting students out into the real world before graduation and ultimately beginning their job search, but steer clear of service learning. You'll learn more elsewhere and won't have to deal with what I've dealt with.

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# Stay alert with 'Alert Me' service

**Michelle Mullins**
Staff Writer

It is starting to get harder and harder to get out of bed, hot cocoa is showing up at shops around the campus and students are swapping flip-flops with boots. This is all part of winter slowly starting to creep in and take over fall.

As these two seasons collide, PUC is bound to have some horrendous weather, but how bad will it have to get to have the campus closed? Or worse, what happens if students become stranded here?

Any decision to close campus or otherwise interrupt normal campus operations is made by the chancellor, according to Wes Lukoshus, assistant vice chancellor for advancement and university relations.

"A blizzard expected to continue through the night might warrant a decision to move individuals on campus to the gymnasium for overnight shelter," Lukoshus said about a scenario in which students who commute to campus could become stuck here.

The Emergency Management Team at PUC is responsible for monitoring weather conditions prior to any initial shut down.

"The forecast and anticipation of a blizzard likely would have prompted a decision and subsequent announcements to interrupt campus activities and/or close campus well in advance of the storm's expected arrival, enabling students, faculty and staff to respond appropriately," Lukoshus added.

Chronicle photo by Adrian Ramirez

But there is not much chance students will be let off campus before the whereabouts of the storm have been finalized.

"We don't want to send them away to get stuck in a storm that's still going on out there," Detective Sergeant Leo Finnerty of University Police said.

In the chance there is a shut in on campus, Finnerty said an intercom system, which can be heard on the inside and outside of the building, would be used to help spread the message.

Although, Finnerty said the internet and texting alert system travels much faster for students who are not on campus at the time.

"The quicker we can get [the situation] under control, the better," he said.

The university follows the state police reports and national weather service reports as well.

By using these other services outside of the campus, it would significantly help the university stay up-to-date with any tornado warnings, blizzard alerts or closures of other campuses.

The quickest way to receive any type of alerts about anything severe happening on campus would be by watching for updates on PUC's homepage or signing up for the "Alert Me" service. The service sends campus announcements, such as campus closures, through text messages to those who sign up to receive them. There is no fee or charge for using this service, but students should check with their carriers before signing up.

So, if a blizzard does decide to brew overnight and knock on PUC's door, students should not be too worried because there will be word out about closures or delays before they trek to school.

**For more information about the "Alert Me" service, visit www.calumet.purdue.edu.**

# Spirits

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concourse from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Trivia questions will be available, but in order to answer trivia questions students must be wearing black and gold. If a student correctly answers a question, they win a free T-shirt or sweatshirt. Free candy apples will be given away in the SUL concourse from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Nov. 2.

A sign up table will be available on Wednesday, Nov. 3 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. to join the Peregrine Posse. There is a $5 fee to join the club and you get a free T-shirt.

A pep rally held on Nov. 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Calumet Falls will introduce the men and women's basketball coaches and teams. There will be free food and a D.J. at the pep rally as well.

Spirit Week concludes with the beginning of PUC's basketball season.

# Μεετ τηε Γρεεκσ
## (Meet the Greeks)

Chronicle photo by Mohammed Alahmed

**Eric Rosas of Tau Phi Sigma and Morgan Kudrecki of Zeta Sigma Chi are deep in thought during the Greek meeting between the sororities and fraternities, on Oct. 27th, to address the direction of the Greek council at PUC.**

# POLICE BLOTTER

**9.22.10 - Gyte - 6 a.m.**
Two computers missing from Gyte 106.
**Closed**

**10.20.10 - And - Noon**
Unknown person went into an unlocked office and took a wallet from a purse that was in a desk.
**Open**

**10.20.10 - P-9 - 7 a.m.**
Someone keyed victim's car while parked.
**Closed**

**10.20.10 - Pott - 7:30 a.m.**
Building Services employee found graffiti in a men's restroom.
**Facilities**

**10.19.10 - UV1 - 2:15 p.m.**
Domestic situation between resident and boyfriend.
**Open**

**10.18.10 - SULB - 4 p.m.**
PUCPD Officer believed he saw a suspect involved in a Fraud case.
**Closed**

**10.18.10 - UV1 - 12:25 a.m.**
Subjects possibly tampering with vehicles setting off a car alarm.
**Closed**

**9.25.10 - SUL - Unknown**
Tree was damaged in a storm.
**Closed**

# CAMPUS SAFETY TIP:

**Should you ever see something occurring on campus that seems suspicious, you can report it anonymously by:**

- Phoning the Purdue Calumet Anonymous Hot Line at 219-989-2912

- Contacting online Silent Witness at www.webs.calumet.purdue.edu/police/silentwitness

# InterVarsity

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Chronicle photo by Morgan Walker

**InterVarsity members gathered and showed off their costumes during a Halloween party hosted by the group on Oct. 28.**

Chronicle photo by Morgan Walker

**Ahmed Alajmi, in costume as Dr. Bezema is trying to resuscitate Mr. Hotdog, Francisco Madrigal, who is mimicking having cardiac arrest at the InterVarsity Halloween party on Oct. 28 .**

Chronicle photo by Morgan Walker

**Anthony Torres , Michel Orando and Ralph Zhang get into the spirit of Halloween by being dressed in their costumes for the InterVarsity Halloween party.**

and we want to see God's love and justice alive through us, making things right in this broken world," she said.

The number of student Bible studies always depends on the availability of willing and well-trained student leadership, but Klippel hopes they will continue to grow.

"This year has been a remarkably responsive group of leaders," she said.

Exploring the other side of the topic is PUC's Secular Student Alliance.

"Its purpose is to provide a venue for secular minded individuals to come together and have a sense of community," SSA President Nikko Elliott said. "We also aim to project a positive public image of the secular community and to keep secular related ideas in the public dialogue. And, of course, we always strive to be open minded."

The SSA meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in SUL. Meetings cover topics such as morality without God, evolution and the Big Bang Theory.

"We want to keep things as varied as possible because staying too focused on one idea is neither interesting nor intellectually beneficial," Elliott said.

While the SSA has radically different beliefs from religious organizations, Elliott said it is not an issue.

"Speaking as the President of the SSA, I see nothing wrong with people exercising their right to explore the religion of their choice," he added.

To find out more information on the SSA, InterVarsity and the various student Bible study groups, check out the Student Life and Activities calendar as well as the Student Activities Web site.

## Full list of religious organizations on campus

- Carolina's Bible Study
- Global Christian Fellowship
- Secular Student Alliance Meetings
- Brooke's Bible Study
- Sam and Nathyn's Bible Study
- InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Prayer Meeting
- IVCF Julia's Bible Study
- Robert and Christy's Bible Study
- Grace's Bible Study
- InterVarsity Large Group Meeting

# Marijuana

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context of the situation and the quantity possessed.

PUC Police Chief Anthony Martin said if K2 becomes illegal, University Police will enforce the same punishment Indiana enforces.

"It's not smart to do this stuff," Martin said, adding he feels people should avoid doing anything that causes them to become a risk to others.

According to Detective Dan Young of the Hammond Police Department, the Hammond City Council is supposed to be meeting to decide how to address the matter. Young said the most the council could do would be to enforce an ordinance prohibiting sale of K2 in Hammond. He said violating an ordinance is not a criminal offense, but there would be financial penalties for businesses selling K2.

"When the state decides to outlaw K2, we will take the appropriate action," Young said.

Young is not aware of any complaints made to the Hammond Police Department regarding K2. A date has yet to be set for the council to meet and address the issue.

The city of Valparaiso and Porter County have already passed legislation banning the sale and use of K2. A state-wide ban of K2 would be a matter decided by the State. Legislators are expected to meet in January to discuss the matter.

Hamilton is not the only student on the PUC campus to have negative feelings toward the substance. Michael Peschke, a freshman, believes the fact K2 is making users sick should be enough incentive to make it illegal.

On the other hand, some students like freshman Ed Driscoll think it would be wrong to ban a substance like K2, saying people should be able to do what they want.

Mary Genovese, a campus newcomer, bases her opinions about K2 on personal experience.

"I only smoked it once," she admitted.

After hearing of the potential harm the chemically treated herb can cause, Genovese said she will not smoke it again.

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## Nook vs. Kindle

Two of the most popular e-readers these days are the Nook and the Kindle (Kindle 3rd generation revealed July, 2010). Each device can be purchased from Barnes & Noble and Amazon respectively. The debate over whether electronic books will bring about the demise of libraries and brick & mortar bookstores as we currently experience them is one that would take much more than a few paragraphs to discuss. Instead, let's just take a look at what each of these devices has to offer. If you're ready to take the digital plunge into the sea of e-books out there, this may be helpful.

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| Weight | 12.1 oz | 8.7 oz |
| Dimensions (H x W x D) | 7.7 in x 4.9 in x 0.5 in | 7.5 in x 4.8 in x 0.335 |
| Memory | 2GB | 4GB |
| Battery Life | Wireless Off – 7- 10 days<br>Wireless On – approx 4.5 days | Wireless Off – 1 month<br>Wireless On – 3 weeks |
| Recharge Time | 3.5 hour(s) | 4.5 hour(s) |
| Wi-Fi | YES | YES |
| 3G | YES | YES |
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# 'A Week at the Airport' never takes flight

**Dune Lorenz**
Entertainment Editor

To say an airport is a hotspot is an understatement. It is like saying The Beatles had a few fans. In theory, airports are exciting. In reality, airports are exciting. Yet somehow, after spending a week at the airport, Alain de Botton fails to capture that excitement in his writing. He fails to capture anything of interest at all, really.

"A Week at the Airport" involves an airline service paying Botton money to stay at their airport and write about what he sees. To anybody with an imagination, this sounds like an amazing idea. Unfortunately, Botton does not seem to have an imagination.

Nearly every sentence Botton writes seems to struggle with a lack of creativity. Botton's sentences are seemingly overloaded with adjectives at all the wrong times; describing the 743rd window he sports in the terminal or the least interesting aspect of a prospectively unique and intriguing traveler. The increasingly dull, melancholic and tedious book is quite boring. It gets exhausting, as if the reader has been traveling with Botton's interviewees, and makes his points feel extremely dragged out.

That is to say, if he had any points. The majority of the first portion of the book is simply describing the airport, as if it is a completely foreign concept to readers. This would be fine if they were interesting aspects of the airport, but more often than not, they consist of describing the 743rd and 744th windows.

When time is not spent describing the airport layout itself, it is spent on unoriginal musings that only surprise when you try to convince someone they are thought-provoking. Botton's lack of creativity here is about the only shocking notion of the book.

Botton spends the precious time of his 112 page book telling the reader that, yes, employees at the reception desk are cranky, yes, there are a lot of cars traveling through, and yes, people do get emotional saying "goodbye" at terminals. He may as well be telling the reader that airplanes fly. Oh, wait, he does!

The book feels like the professional equivalent of a college student trying to fluff up the page number of a term paper by including quotes from Wikipedia articles and enlarging the font size of the punctuation and headings.

Between the fluff and the photos, taken by Richard Baker, occupying every page, it becomes increasingly difficult to figure out why the airline hired Botton in the first place. Surely they could have found someone a little more creative than this. Heck, they could have even saved Botton the struggle of trying to write and simply published a picture book with the same amount of pages. Really, that is what "A Week at the Airport" is when it comes down to it: a glorified picture book.

Richard Baker's photos are beautiful and inspiring. It is just a shame he had to support Botton and provide pictures to follow his writing; otherwise, the book may have been 10 times more interesting, let alone respectable. Still, it is worth noting that despite having to follow Botton's narrative, Baker's photos still managed to be more interesting than the writing itself.

The end of the book is the best part, not because it finally ends, but because Botton actually reveals some competent writing. Like a twist ending to a movie, the idea that the last ten pages of the book are good is utterly shocking.

Botton muses about how people grow to expect a welcoming party once they get off a flight, but are often disappointed and depressed, especially when observing their co-passengers' compatriots. Staring at the co-passenger's caring and thoughtful looking partner welcoming them home with a passionate kiss on the lips or seeing the passenger reminiscent of a movie-star arrive to his large group of adoring fans welcoming him in open-arms and how sad that can be for everybody else is more interesting than the entire book.

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Even more incredibly sad than the notions Botton brings to the reader's attention at the end is that after the 112 page travel together, when Botton finally begins to get on a roll with his writing, really nailing some good thoughts and quips, the book is over.

With Botton's redemption far too late in the book, "A Week at the Airport" leaves readers devastated not just by the lack of the thought provoking, perceptive material the back of the book had promised, but that such a promising idea was left in the hands of someone so incompetent.

**"A Week at the Airport" receives a 4 out of 10.**

# Vegetarian options aim to satisfy

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**Bobby Markos**
Staff Writer

Vegetarians sick of trekking to Chicago for vege-cuisine may be pleasantly surprised to know local and chain-restaurants are becoming more vegetarian-friendly as the lifestyle grows more popular. While the following options may not be as high-tier as some of the vegetarian delicacies of Chicago, they still manage to satisfy customers unable or unwilling to travel that far.

**Subs:** There is no reason to rely on Subway when there are some great options for meat-free sandwiches. Jimmy Johns, a fast-growing Midwest chain, offers gourmet vegetarian subs served on homemade French bread. There is one available in just about every town surrounding the PUC campus, including Highland on Ridge Road. Schererville is home to another chain called Penn Station East Coast Subs. They cater both grilled vegetable and grilled artichoke sandwiches, leaving much of the topping choice up to the customer. Here, the subs are also served on warm bread with an option between three sizes.

**Burgers:** Veggie burgers are becoming a staple on many menus, especially at major food chains. What some vegetarians do not know is some restaurants offer the option of substituting a veggie burger patty in place of a regular one. For example, Red Robin offers to replace any of their hamburgers with the vegetarian alternative. Chili's also offers such a choice, but instead they have their very own black bean patty. If a more traditional veggie burger is desired, one might take a trip to Michigan City to the Shoreline Restaurant and Brewery, where their homemade grilled garden burgers are offered on a pretzel bun.

**Asian:** Most Chinese places in the area provide an array of tofu-based dishes, but some spots such as Jade Garden in Valparaiso are leagues ahead in creativity. The quaint restaurant offers a General Tso's tofu dish filling enough for two dinners. They also offer miso soup made with vegetable stock every day. When it comes to Thai food, 5-Star Thai in Schererville (Crown Point address) is just that: the top of its class. The humble restaurant is located in a strip mall just off Route 30 and offers traditional Thai dishes such as pad thai and pad woon sen. They also have fried tofu for an appetizer and the option of vegetable stock for their homemade soup.

**Mexican:** Take it a step further than Taco Bell with local restaurants like El Amigo (located in Schererville, Portage and Valparaiso), who has created an avocado and a vegetarian burrito. Chains like Chipotle and Q'doba offer gigantic grilled veggie burritos enough for two meals. Even Don Pablo's began to spice up its menu with the addition of Pecos Valley Veggie and chipotle portabella mushroom fajita dishes.

**Middle Eastern:** Falafel and other chickpea based dishes is a staple of a college vegetarian's diet. Near the PUC campus is Pita Kabab, located in Schererville right behind the Walgreen's on Indianapolis Boulevard. The newly opened restaurant features a homemade falafel sandwich, as well as hummus and baba ghannouj (dip made from charbroiled eggplant). Merrillville houses Aladdin's Pita, which is known for its cuisine and hookah lounge. The menu specializes in falafel and eggplant sandwiches, but also has a vegetarian platter and stuffed grape leaves. Customers are greeted with complimentary appetizers such as hummus, baba ghannouj and pita bread.

Substitution options are becoming more and more available upon inquiring, easily making new restaurants new adventures. With this growing trend, vegetarians are no longer confined to their homes or left as the only uncomfortable one at the restaurant dining table.

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# Who says Halloween has to be scary?

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**Brian Lynch**
Asst. Entertainment Editor

Grocery store witches. Sentient paper bags haunting children's dreams. Vincent Price. While this may sound like the formula for both a fever dream and a David Lynch film, it was actually the hilarious line up for the "Rifftrax Live" Halloween special.

For those who are unaware, "Rifftrax" is the work of Mike Nelson, Bill Corbett and Kevin Murphy, former writers and voice talent for the cult television series "Mystery Science Theater 3000." Much like "MST3K," "Rifftrax" is all about riffing on terrible movies.

The trio release downloadable audio tracks for specific movies on their website, which fans can sync up and listen to. Over the past few years, the group has done a number of "Rifftrax Live" events broadcasted to movie theaters across the country.

The event opened with a short film from the 1970s, featuring a witch (or a bored housewife with magic powers, it was not very specific) teaching a group of strangers the importance of buying cheap groceries. Needless to say, this was easy fodder for riffing. The "Rifftrax" team then brought comedian Paul F. Tompkins onstage to help mock

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# Glee gets 'Rocky' with 'Horror'

**Kali Porezel**
Staff Writer

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In the last week of October, the Halloween theme of fright, mystery and loads of candy is in full celebration. Television is no exception to this rule, so it is a given one of its most popular shows, "Glee," would pay tribute to the musical classic, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show."

The provocative nature of the film prohibited "Glee" from achieving the true theme of the film, which is a raunchy, outlandish sex musical. Lacking authentic charm, but with a terrific script, classic musical numbers and outrageous costumes, all in all, "The Rocky Horror 'Glee' Show" was a success.

Starting just like the film, the "Glee" episode starts with big, bold-red lips set in a black background, chanting the musical number, "Science Fiction Double Feature." The love triangle between Mr. Schuester (Matthew Morrison), Emma (Jayma Mays) and Carl (John Stamos) continues to rage on. Carl takes Emma on a date to a screening of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." As jealousy creeps up, Mr. Schuester lies to Emma saying the glee club will coincidentally be doing her favorite musical itself. So the drama begins.

Finn (Cory Monteith) is cast as Brad, who is in his tidy-whities throughout most of the film. Finn is insecure about how he looks and is afraid to be on stage in his underwear. Sam (Chord Overstreet), who was cast to play the blonde, physically perfect Rocky Horror, convinces Finn he should be more confident and own his sexiness, which leads to hilarious results.

Mr. Schuester "decides" Sam playing Rocky is too risqué for a student, and takes the part for himself. He "needs" some help from Emma, although she is not cast as Janet, and they prance around a classroom while Emma flirtatiously sings "Touch-a, Touch-a, Touch Me." This is the first time Emma has shown some real sexual charm in the series. She almost came off as a vixen in the scene, and it was refreshing to see. Just like the character Janet from the film, both seem nice and innocent on the outside, but there is a bit of a freak underneath.

Continuing her mockery and criticism, Sue's Corner on the local Ohio news station, WOHN, is back! To get her local Emmy, Sue Sylvester (Jane Lynch) decides to expose the glee club performing "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." Sue is infamous for her outrageous, yet hilarious, quotes. A great one from this episode was when Carl and Emma were

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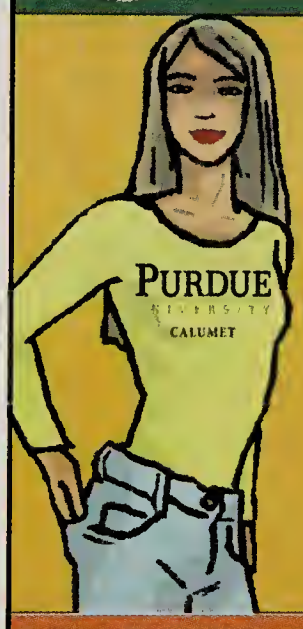


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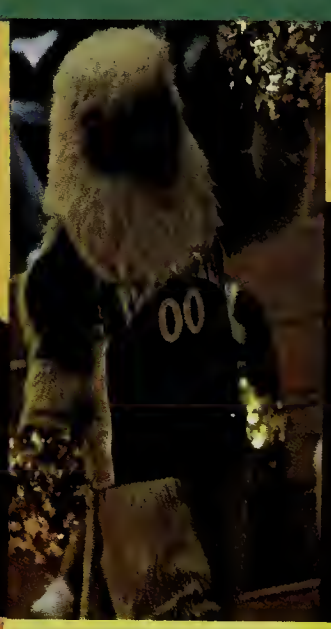

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# Going back down to 'South Park'

**Bill Koester**
Asst. Sports Editor

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Comedy Central's "South Park's" extremely dirty humor has become passé since the show first aired. Earlier this year, however, the show made the news for the first time in a while.

The episode "200," the 200th episode of the series and the first of a two-parter, drew veiled death threats from an extremist Islam Web site for allegedly depicting Mohammed in a bear costume. The character in question turned out not to be the prophet, but the threat caused Comedy Central to censor the second part extensively and remove both episodes from repeats and the network's Web site.

Despite the controversy, "South Park" returned for the second half of its 14th season on Oct. 6 with little mention of these events. The mid-season premier, "Poor and Stupid" had Cartman chasing his dream of being a NASCAR driver.

The episode pulled a typical reversal the show is known for, not so much making fun of NASCAR as the people who stereotype it as a sport for hillbillies. Unfortunately, it was not very good, particularly beating to death a joke about Vagisil, which was not very funny to begin with.

"It's a Jersey Thing," depicted the town of South Park being invaded by stars of reality shows like MTV's "Jersey Shore," whose star Snooki was depicted as a disgusting creature akin to Gollum from "Lord of the Rings." This episode was better, but by the end, it had gotten just as annoying as the very New Jersey stereotypes they were making fun of.

The best episode so far was "Insheeption," a clever and amusing parody of the dream-infiltration film "Inception," with a cameo by Freddy Krueger thrown in. Not only is it funny, but it also makes the valid point Christopher Nolan's movie was not a masterpiece just because it's overly complicated and convoluted.

The last installment to date was "The Coon 2: Hindsight," featuring the return of Cartman's superhero alter-ego, the Coon. In the episode, the Coon, along with some new allies, is having his attention usurped by Captain Hindsight, whose power is to tell people what they should have done after a disaster happens.

The episode was commentary on the Gulf oil spill this past year, and included a pretty funny skewering of BP. It ended with a cliffhanger, presumably to be resolved Nov. 3.

Overall, the second half of this season has been decent, but it is not as jaw-droppingly offensive or gut-bustingly hilarious as the show can be on its best days. Lost amidst the controversy this spring was the fact the first half of the season was one of the best in years. Hopefully, the season can finish up as strong as it started.

# 'It's Kind of a Funny Story' is definitely a great movie

***Kayla Greenwell***
*Staff Writer*

Everyone has those days where they feel so overwhelmed, they feel like they are going crazy. Maybe the car keys are missing. Maybe a significant other forgot an anniversary. Maybe school's midterms are violating your brain in every way imaginable. "It's Kind of a Funny Story," based off of the book by Ned Vizzini, is a movie about these kinds of days and the people who have to cope with them.

It begins with Craig (Keir Gilchrist), a 16-year-old clinically depressed student. He feels he is not as successful or as charming as his friends. One morning, he checks himself into the mental ward of a hospital, fearing he may do something to himself. In the hospital he meets a multitude of different people. Among these people are Bob, a forty-year-old man (Zack Galifianakis) and Noel (Emma Roberts) another teen in the ward. The two of them become good friends with Craig and help him realize his potential.

Classified as a comedy, the movie definitely has a darker side. There are times during the movie where laughter is inescapable. Just as soon as the audience is getting its second wind, the writing can quickly switch to its darker themes, leaving the audience paralyzed sobbing. These moments throughout the film do a great job of reflecting the rollercoaster of life and everything it has to offer. At times, Craig is the definition of an angsty young adult, encompassing all the feeling but leaving out all the annoyance. It is nice to see a film with themes showing people are not alone when they feel overwhelmed.

The acting in this movie is not overdone or stereotypical of the mental patient persona, so the viewer can really see the people behind their problems. For example, Galifianakis does not play the same over the top character seen in movies such as "The Hangover." He plays a depressed man in his forties whose main goal is to get his life back together. Because it is so easy to get attached to the characters and to see where they come from, the audience ends up being more open to the idea presented in the film, as opposed to seeing a bunch of un-relatable crazies running around chaotically and cringing. These are realistic characters with problems just the same as the audiences', be it a troublesome marriage or a hectic school life, and this serves to click with viewers more than anything in recent memory.

The dialogue and the writing for the film is excellent and easily the film's greatest strength. It is hard to make a movie about a serious topic laughable, but "It's Kind of a Funny Story" manages to do just that.

Between the loveable characters, offbeat humor and nearly perfected examples of some of our worst days, the movie has something for everyone to enjoy. It is not often a movie teaches you a life lesson and makes you laugh at the same time.

**"It's Kind of a Funny Story" receives a 9 out 10.**

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# Rifftrax

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a short about a paper bag that abducts a child and flies him to the South while explaining how paper is made.

These short films were a perfect warm up for the evening's main event: The 1959 Vincent Price "classic" "House on Haunted Hill." Love it or hate it, the film was a perfect fit for the "Rifftrax Live" team, who had the audience in stitches over every joke they made.

It is almost surprising the group managed to maintain a career based on making fun of bad movies for this long. It is even more surprising their humor continues to stay fresh and poignant. The ages of audience members ranged from young teens to the middle-aged, and no one was spared from the evening's hilarity.

**For more information on Rifftrax, including upcoming live events, visit www.rifftrax.com.**

# Glee

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holding up the lingerie costumes. "People who dress like librarians? All sex addicts!" Emma is known for her OCD tendencies and her conservative dress code. However, the best line of the episode goes to Becky (Lauren Potter), who tells Mr. Schuester, "Give me some chocolate, or I will cut you."

Along with the episode, Glee released an EP of the music it covered from "Rocky Horror." The songs sound nearly the same, with the only exception being the vocals. The vocals from the movie are not perfect, but that makes it memorable. Brad and Janet have some pitch and tone problems in their high notes, but it is spot on for Finn and Rachel (Lea Michele).

Mercedes (Amber Riley) fabulously played Dr. Frank-N-Furter, wearing a black, pleather bustier dress with fishnets and high heel boots. Giving an R&B edge, she gives a truly fierce rendition of "Sweet Transvestite." Instead of the original lyrics "sweet transvestite from transsexual Transylvania," she replaces transsexual with the word "sensational."

"Time Warp," the most popular tune from the movie, is the best song performed. It was the highlight of the episode, with everyone in their fabulous costumes doing the original dance moves from the film. The EP starts with "Science Fiction Double Feature" and ends with "Time Warp," with other great vocal renditions in between.

While the "Rocky Horror" episode lacks the real charm of the movie, "Glee" did a splendid job with the tribute. The attention to detail, like the musical numbers, the costume, hair and make-up is fantastic. Rachel gives the perfect faint as Frank-N-Furter steps off the cage elevator. Sam's tiny, gold shorts and Kurt's (Chris Colfer) half bald, long blonde hair were spot on. Glee and "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" is about being out of the ordinary, being true and, most importantly, having fun, even if it means being slushied in a tranny costume.

# Penny War competition raises nearly $1,000 for charity

**Carl Kurek**
News Editor

In six hours, 12 student organizations raised a total of $904.45 that was to be donated to United Way. The 2010 Penny War winner was Tau Phi Sigma, who raised $102.67 in all, and after subtracting coins and paper money, had a total of $65.37.

The Purdue Calumet Gamers Guild, the victor from the 2009 Penny War competition, raised a total of $380.86, and after the "war," they still had $59.96.

"This is one of our biggest opportunities for community service," Ben Wolfe, president of PUGG, said. "This is our best effort."

In third place was the Criminal Justice Club that only lost $8.70 due to coins and paper money, leaving them with $57.07. Chris Ramirez of the Criminal Justice Club said that with the money going to charity, he and his organization only cared about the amount of money being brought in, and not whether it was all pennies.

The event was orchestrated by Carol Wolfe, student activities operations assistant, who said that she was very pleased with the success and proud of the organizations.

"I think the student organizations had a good time," Wolfe said. "And at the same time I think they realized the importance of what they were doing."

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**The Purdue University Gamers Guild, last year's winner, gave gift bags for donations during the annual Penny Wars competition.**

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**Tau Phi Sigma Members Eric Rosas and Imran Abbasi are representing their fraternity and ultimately won this years Penny Wars.**

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**Alpha Psi Lambda, a co-ed fraternity on campus is among the many student organizations competing in the annual Penny Wars.**

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**Tynisha Crawford, Jelena Kolundzic, Laura Haddad, Ashley Bohling and Jessica Kuiz represent the Biology Club at the annual Penny Wars competition.**

## Penny War results:

| War Amount | Total Raised | |
|---|---|---|
| Tau Phi Sigma | $102.67 | $65.37 |
| Purdue University Gamers Guild | $380.86 | $59.96 |
| Criminal Justice Club | $57.07 | $48.37 |
| Alpha Psi Lambda | $115.22 | 43.02 |
| Society for Human Resource Managers | $94.85 | $24.95 |
| Los Latinos | $35.67 | $12.97 |
| Black Student Union | $12.47 | $9.37 |
| Finance & Accounting Club | $14.66 | $5.76 |
| Collegiate Entrepreneur Organization | $5.57 | $5.57 |
| Chinese Student Association | $8.76 | $5.06 |
| Biology Club | $56.10 | -$0.10 |
| Zeta Sigma Chi | $20.55 | -$1.85 |
| **GRAND TOTAL** | **$904.45** | |

# B-ball

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show the benefits of the work they put in.

In practice, the men's team looked nothing short of a team poised for improvement. When asked how he felt his team looked so far in practice, third year Coach Dan Voudrie had only one word to capture his point of view, "Hungry."

With a lot of youth, including eight fresh faces added to this season's roster, the team has a hunger to make a statement this season and prove their worth in CCAC action.

Voudrie feels there are a lot of guys to count on this season, a list which includes seniors Neil Hudson and Michael Patton, as well as sophomore 3-man Jordan Champion and guard Kedrick Williams. In addition to the aforementioned, this year's roster touts six freshman as well as five other returning players from last year. This equal balance of new and old allows the team both experience and potential, an exciting prospect for any team.

"There's going to be a ton of competition for playing time, but there is no doubt that the clear cut sixth man is the Peregrine Posse," Voudrie said. "We need them to turn out in numbers with real passion and enthusiasm to help support the team." Voudrie wants fans in the stands and it is up to the posse to show up in numbers.

As far as concern over losing last season's top scorer, Aaron Evans, to transfer, Voudrie felt the best way to look at it was to move on and play to the strength of the current team. This year's team looks to compete more defensively, adding formidable rebounding ability to last year's roster.

In short, the team is going to play hard-nosed basketball, wearing a competitive edge on their sleeves, which best represents their identity. PUC looks to compete, game after game, and show the hard work they have put in will, ultimately, pay off.

"This team has got a competitive edge that allows them to be tough minded and disciplined to rebound the basketball and get a great shot every time on offense," Voudrie said.

He also felt mental toughness and extra effort is two things this team embodies, running through limitless amounts of drilling and practice this offseason in preparation for this year.

It would seem the main goal, if any, of this team, is to improve every day. Maintaining their focus throughout the entire season on improving as a team, as well as working towards positive outcomes, is second to none when it comes to this teams focus this season. That being said, improvement in their record should be close in line.

The men kick off their season hosting the annual Purdue Calumet Tip-off Classic, their first contest at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5 against closely located rival Indiana University Calumet. Sizzling bacon action, this should be a slobberknocker.

Chronicle file photo

**Neal Hudson, one of the last seasons leading scorers, looks to lead PUC to a successful season.**

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"It's a good reflection on how well the athletic department and our student athletes are displaying NAIA's core values on and off the court," Bruner said.

This year's award only recognizes the athletic department and the men's and women's basketball team. Next year will include women's volleyball. By 2014, there will be a total of 12 sports at PUC vying to maintain NAIA's core values in order to receive the Champion of Character Five Star Award.

# The case for Quade

**Bill Koester** Asst. Sports Editor

Even before Lou Piniella announced he would retire after the 2010 season, speculation was it would be his last with the Chicago Cubs.

Hall of famer Ryne Sandberg, former-Cub and current New York Yankees manager Joe Girardi and Arizona Diamondbacks manager-turned-Cubs announcer Bob Brenly were named as possible successors.

When Piniella retired in August to take care of his sick mother, third base coach Mike Quade was named interim manager. Under his command, the Cubs went 24-13 to close out the season.

Such a finish was unexpected, to say the least, and enough for the Cubs organization to give Quade a two-year contract. Many Cubs fans and media outlets, their hearts set on Sandberg, are crying foul about this decision, but their complaints are unwarranted. Quade earned the job.

Piniella was likely part of the Cubs' problems this past year, as his famous competitive fire had gone out and given way to passivity and indifference.

As soon as Quade took over, the team made a complete u-turn. It was too late to salvage the season, as they still finished fifth in the NL Central at 75-87, but 24-13 was a big surprise, considering the team was a laughingstock prior to that point in the season.

While Sandberg had success as a manager in the Cubs' minor league system the last four years, Quade has had much more managing in the minors since 1985. He also served as a coach for both the Oakland Athletics and Cubs. Sandberg may be ready to manage in the majors, but Quade has been ready for some time now.

Admittedly, Quade's name does not have the weight of Sandberg or Girardi, or even Piniella when he first came to Chicago. Girardi, however, did not win the World Series with the Yankees because he's a big name. He won because he had the best players, which the Cubs do not.

The team is made up of either over-the-hill players signed to financially crippling contracts (Alfonso Soriano, Kosuke Fukudome, Carlos Zambrano) or young call-ups. Unless the Ricketts family goes on another free agent spending spree, the team will likely be allowing the latter bunch develop, which will take time.

A big name hire would have made fans happy over the offseason, but no manager is going to make the Cubs the team to beat overnight. Since Quade has already had some success with the club's young players, keeping him around makes sense.

Above all else, Quade's hiring already has fans of the North Siders complaining at a level usually not seen until reality hits around June. For White Sox fans like myself, that is reason enough to consider it a great move.

# Intramural standings

## Flag Football - Week 5

**N.F.F.C. (North)**

| Team | W | L | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| "Why So Serious" | 5 | 0 | 287 | 126 |
| Dirty Sloths | 5 | 0 | 275 | 126 |
| Dynasty | 3 | 2 | 266 | 196 |
| Highland | 2 | 3 | 217 | 231 |
| Island Limin | 0 | 5 | 56 | 168 |

**A.F.F.C. (West)**

| Team | W | L | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Final Four | 5 | 0 | 287 | 189 |
| PUC Gym Rats | 2 | 3 | 224 | 315 |
| Captain Kurt | 2 | 3 | 182 | 161 |
| PUC Bears | 1 | 4 | 86 | 198 |
| Ballz Deep | 1 | 4 | 217 | 245 |

**N.F.F.C. (East)**

| Team | W | L | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hall of Famers | 3 | 2 | 245 | 192 |
| Average Joe's | 2 | 3 | 199 | 259 |
| Pink Snuffle Bunnies | 2 | 3 | 161 | 182 |
| Beiber Fever | 0 | 5 | 147 | 294 |

**A.F.F.C. (South)**

| Team | W | L | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 119th St. Boyz | 5 | 0 | 252 | 154 |
| Showtime | 3 | 2 | 194 | 207 |
| Team Hartog | 2 | 3 | 217 | 196 |
| Team Name | 2 | 3 | 210 | 220 |

## Floor Hockey - Week 4

| Team | W | L |
|---|---|---|
| Team America | 3 | 0 |
| Team Dougie | 2 | 1 |
| Nation of Domination | 1 | 2 |
| PUC Blackhawks | 0 | 3 |

## Volleyball - Week 5

**South**

| Team | W | L |
|---|---|---|
| Angels of Glory | 5 | 0 |
| Team United | 5 | 0 |
| Spiked Punch | 4 | 1 |
| Game Over | 3 | 2 |
| Oriental Blizzard | 3 | 2 |
| PUC Spikers | 1 | 4 |
| Spykers | 1 | 4 |
| Rogue | 1 | 4 |
| Spike Unlimited | 1 | 4 |
| Team Focus | 1 | 4 |

**North**

| Team | W | L |
|---|---|---|
| Scrubs | 5 | 0 |
| Gentlemen | 5 | 0 |
| Cereal Killazs | 4 | 1 |
| Kiss My Pass | 4 | 1 |
| Bump, Set, Spike | 3 | 2 |
| Knockouts | 2 | 3 |
| Team Extreme | 1 | 4 |
| Set To Kill | 1 | 4 |
| Rainbow Balls | 0 | 5 |
| Big Thunder | 0 | 5 |

# Too hot for the ice

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**Matt Kubilk, of Team America, fires a shot on Harry Manos, goalie of Nation of Domination team, at the Intramural Floor Hockey held on Tuesday Oct. 26th.**

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**Matt Kubilk sets up on the wing looking to put a shot on goal of the Nation of Domination Team.**

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**Team America (red jerseys ) wins the competition of intramural floor hockey against Nation of Domination team (green jerseys) on Tuesday Oct 26th.**

**Bill Koester**
Asst. Sports Editor

It is getting colder outside, but the floors of the Fitness Center are heating up every Tuesday for hockey night at PUC.

The intramural league finished its third week with an exciting doubleheader on Oct. 26. The first game of the evening pitted 2-0 Team America against 1-1 Nation of Domination.

Team America jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first period, but Nation of Domination played better in the second period, scoring two goals and holding their opponents to only one. However, the damage in the first was too much to overcome. A late surge by Team America in the third period brought the final score to 8-2.

Undoubtedly, the star of the game was Matt Kubiak of Team America. He fell only one goal short of a double hat trick, accounting for five of the team's eight goals.

Kubiak was modest after the game, insisting, "I wasn't keeping track." His teammates, however, were quick to praise his efforts.

"Matt is always right where he needs to be," teammate John DiMonte said, who scored a hat trick of his own in the game.

The second game of the night saw Team Dougie take on the winless PUC Blackhawks. Unfortunately for the Blackhawks, their woes continued.

The Hawks actually struck first with an early goal to give them their first lead of the season, but the celebration was short-lived. Team Dougie rolled over them for three periods to a 15-1 victory.

The mood on Team Dougie is one of confidence. After dropping their first game in week one, the team clawed back with an 11-round shootout victory in week two and a big win in week three.

"We're feeling good," Mike Wilczynski, who scored an astounding seven goals against PUC Blackhawks, said "We've gained more team chemistry, which is a big plus."

"We got a lot better since our first game," Alex Shmagranoff, who tallied three goals in the same game, said.

All the teams are looking ahead to week four on Nov. 2, which will feature rematches from week one. PUC Blackhawks will be seeking their first win against Nation of Domination, while Team Dougie will be looking to avenge their loss against Team America.

"We feel we can win next week and do well in the playoffs," Wilczynski said.

Team Dougie's rebound from week one has made undefeated Team America a little nervous. It does not help starting goalie Mike Nitti will be unavailable, forcing DiMonte to stand between the pipes.

"This will be the game of the season," DiMonte said.

As the final week of the regular season, week four will determine the seeds for the playoffs. With such tight standings, it could be the season's fiercest display of hockey yet.

# Flag football playoff push

**Julie Sipek**
Sports Reporter

The Dirty Sloths were anything but slow last week in their intramural flag football game against Bieber Fever.

Bieber Fever had trouble completing their passes and thus suffered a convincing 70-35 defeat.

The Sloths' offense on the other hand did not waste much time, scoring the first touchdown just over a minute into the game.

"The aerial assault was our best attribute," junior Robert Gorman of the Dirty Sloths said.

The Sloths scored again before Bieber Fever was able to get on the board with a touchdown reception by junior Mike Wilczynski.

With five seconds left in the half, the Dirty Sloths were leading 28-14, but Bieber Fever had the ball inches from the goal.

After the ball was snapped, Bieber Fever's attempt at a distraction technique proved unsuccessful.

"We could have come close to them at the half if our quarterback didn't shout 'orange creamsicle' instead of running the play," Wilczynski said.

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**"Da 119th St. Boyz'" line up against "Ballz Deep", ready to execute a play.**

Following halftime, the Dirty Sloths converted the first play to a touchdown and just kept rolling from there.

"The first half was not our best effort, but we brought it back," Gorman said.

Not only was the Sloths' offense on point, but several interceptions by the defense made it difficult for Bieber Fever to score.

"We didn't really have any chances," Wilczynski said. "They had good defense."

The Dirty Sloths continued to rack up the points and were leading 70-21 with less than two minutes to play.

Bieber Fever scored twice in the final minute of the game, but it was much too little, too late.

"We'll take the win," Gorman said.

The match-up between Showtime and the PUC Gym Rats was also dominated by offensive play.

Showtime came out on top with a 49-42 victory thanks to the huge contribution by junior Robert Ellis who scored a total of five touchdowns for his team.

"Our quarterback did a great job putting the ball where I could get it and having trust in me," Ellis said.

Ellis scored the winning touchdown for Showtime with only 10 seconds left in the game.

"Our team did a great job of staying together and making plays when we needed them," Ellis said.

The flag football teams will fight for playoff positions again on the first week of November at the Fitness Center beginning at 7:15 p.m. With only two games left on the regular season schedule, the push for the playoffs starts now.

# PUC is awarded five stars

## Purdue honored for upholding values

**Brandon Stookey**
Chronicle Correspondent

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics recognized PUC's athletic department, and the women's and men's basketball teams with the Champions of Characters Five Star Award.

According to the Champion of Character Web site, the award is given to any institution that upholds integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership as its core values.

In order to be eligible for this award, an institution must score 60 out of 100 points on the NAIA's Champion of Character scorecard. Only NAIA institutions, Athletic Director and Campus Director can complete the scorecard.

Janet Hero, the 10-year-secretary for Health Recreation & Sports, is a previous winner of the prestigious award. The newest award is the fifth one received since 2001-2002.

"I think it's a good program," Hero said. "It's something to work toward."

The scorecard breaks down into the following five categories: character training, conduct in competition, academic focus, character recognition and character promotion.

"We excel the most in community service," Sports Information Director Jordon Bruner, who has been with the athletic department for two years, said. "That's what really helped us achieve this award."

By actively engaging in community service, the men's and women's basketball team scored big points in the character building section. Some of the community service the teams have engaged in so far has been the Day of Caring, Spring Breakthrough and DAV walk.

To score points in the character building section, an institution must offer Champion of Character training on campus. A student workshop is held for athletes where the student athlete handbook is reviewed. Athletes are reminded of what is expected of them, and informed of all the resources on campus available to aid them in their academic ventures.

A big success for the men's and women's basketball team was there were zero ejections from games in the previous basketball season.

"That says something about our coaching staff," Bruner said.

PUC athletes also scored very well in the academic focus portion, having a solid athlete's GPA throughout the programs.

While community service and zero ejections were the strongest cases made by PUC, they still scored well in other sections as well.

Character recognition is an area that could be worked on, according to Bruner. The Web site states the character recognition section awards points to any institution that nominates deserving individuals for national awards. Once these new programs are put in place by PUC, Bruner thinks there will be more national recognition.

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# Let's get ready to rumble

## Men's basketball hungry as ever

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**Brandon Bradford among others on the basketball team, works hard in the weight room to prepare for the 2010-11 basketball season.**

**Jacob Arredondo**
Chronicle Correspondent

PUC's men's basketball team is chomping at the bit for competition. With a busy offseason with the team preparing as hard as ever, they are looking to

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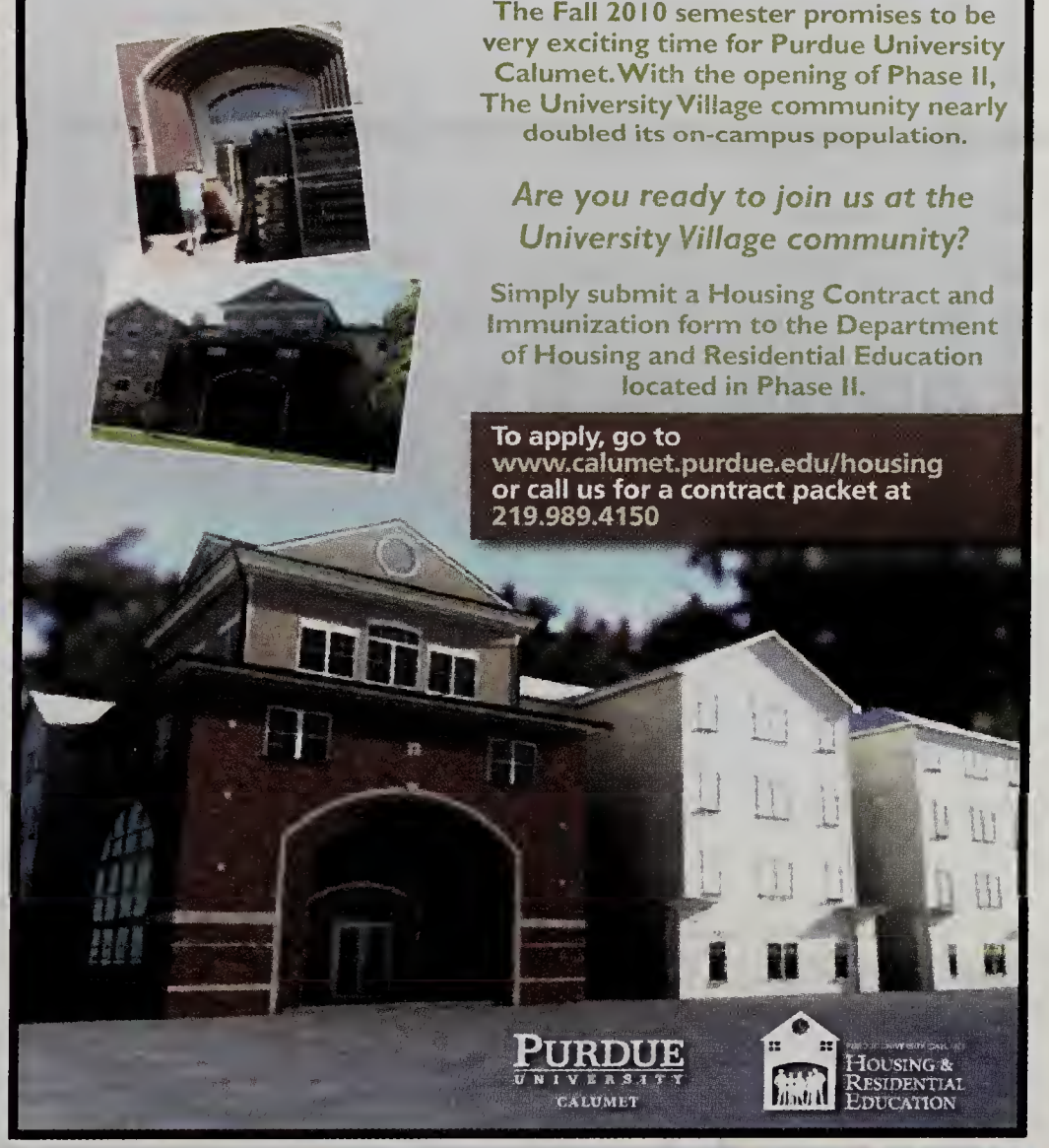
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